

Charter of the City of Wilmington (New Hanover)
Chapter 495 of the Session Laws of 1977

Charter	1977-495	An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Charter of the City of Wilmington.
	1983-535	Amended Section 3 (uncodified) to include some session laws that were not repealed as a result of the enactment of the revised charter and to include some session laws that were repealed as a result of the enactment.
	Ord No.# 0-2004-17	The City, on the advice of the City Attorney pursuant to G.S. 160A-496, incorporated the following four local acts into the Charter: 1997-218 2001-286 2001-9 2002-139. *Because the City used Articles already used in the Charter enacted by the General Assembly
Section 1.4	1985-912	Amended Section 1.4 by adding subdivision (3), related to construction of streets outside city limits.
Section 2.1	1981-257	Amended Section 2.1 by providing that the city shall indicate changes to its boundaries on the city's official map.
Section 3.1	1977-1210	Rewrote Section 3.1 to increase the number of council members from six to seven.
Section 3.2	1985-896	Rewrote 3.2(c) and added 3.2(d), related to vacancies on the city council.
	2008-1	Repealed subsection (d) of Section 3.2.
Section 3.4	1977-1210	Rewrote Section 3.4(a) to remove language that prohibited the mayor from voting on issues before the council.
Section 3.5	2008-1	Amended Section 3.5 to provide that the Mayor Pro Tem shall serve at the pleasure of the council instead of a fixed two years.
Section 3.6	1981-265	Amended Section 3.6 by repealing the first sentence of that Section which related to the holding of the organizational meeting after an election.
Section 3.9	1983-347	Amended Section 3.9 to delete reference to city treasurer.
Section 3.11	1981-264	Amended Section 3.11 by adding subsection (d) which provided that the Mayor shall have the right to vote on all matters before the council, but shall have no right to vote to break a tie if the Mayor participated in the vote.
	1983-367	Amended 3.11(b) related to votes required to adopt or amend an ordinance.
Article V (Section 5.1 and Section 5.2)	1983-367	Rewrote Article V (Section 5.1 and Section 5.2), Initiative and Referendum. Section 5.1 – Initiative ordinances generally. Section 5.2 – Form and content of referendum petition
Section 5.1	1983-367	Added Section 5.1 – Initiative ordinances generally.
	2016-13	Amended Section 5.1 to change the percentage of voters required for an initiative ordinance petition.

Section 7.4	1981-223	Repealed Section 7.4, Revision and Amendment (of city ordinances).
Section 8.5	1991-383	Added Section 8.5, Purchase of real property by the city manager.
Section 9.3	1983-347	Amended Section 9.3 to delete reference to city treasurer.
Section 9.4	1985-237	Rewrote Section 9.4, city council to appoint tax collector.
Section 9.5	1983-347	Amended Section 9.5 to delete reference to city treasurer.
Section 9.6	1983-347	Amended Section 9.6 to delete reference to city treasurer.
Section 9.7	2002-238	Added Section 9.7, Personnel records.
Section 10.7	1981-263	Rewrote Section 10.7, Preparation of Instruments (by city attorney).
Section 11.1	2010-73	Amended Section 11.1, related to the membership of the civil service commission.
	2013-221	Amended Section 11.1, length of term of civil service commission member.
Section 11.6	1981-342	Amended Section 11.6(c), disciplinary action (civil service).
Section 13.6	1983-430	Added Section 13.6, Contracts with non-city agencies.
Section 13.7	1989-180	Added Section 13.7, Construction of public facilities by developer or property owner.
Section 13.8	1991-615	Added Section 13.8, Conditions and restrictions on the sale of property.
Section 14.2	1977-1210	Added Section 14.2, authority to issue revenue bonds (for port authority facilities).
Section 15.4	1981-374	Section 15.4 related to water/sewer disposal system
Section 15.7	1981-374	Amended Section 15.7 related to water/sewer disposal system.
Section 15.9	1981-374	Section 15.9 related to water/sewer disposal system
Section 15.16	1981-374	Amended Section 15.16 related to water/sewer disposal system.
Section 15.17	1981-374	Amended Section 15.17 related to water/sewer disposal system, including making a technical correction.
Article XVIII (Section 18A.1)	2007-57	Added Article XVIII A, Additional Eminent Domain Powers. Section 18A.1 – Additional Eminent Domain Powers.
Section 19.9	1981-374	Amended Section 19.9 related to local improvements.
Section 19.11	1981-374	Amended Section 19.11(a)(2) related to local improvements.
Section 19.12	1981-374	Rewrote Section 19.12 (local improvements).
Section 19.13	1981-374	Amended Section 19.13 related to local improvements.
Section 19.19	1981-374	Amended Section 19.19 related to local improvements.
Section 19.25	1981-374	Amended Section 19.25(b) related to local improvements.
Section 19.29	1981-374	Rewrote the second paragraph of Section 19.29(3) related to local improvements, and made other changes to the subdivision.
Section 20.2	1983-367	Rewrote the second sentence of Section 20.2 related to franchise ordinances.
Section 23.6	1981-258	Added Section 23.6, Zoning.
	1983-366	Rewrote the sixth and seventh paragraph of Section 23.6. Also, repealed a local act applicable to Wilmington only related to zoning (the local act did not amend the Charter).
	2003-162	Rewrote Section 23.6.

Section 23.7	1981-375	Added Section 23.7, Payments in lieu of dedication or reservation of property for recreation purposes or in lieu of actual construction or installation of required community service facilities.
Section 23.8	1983-432	Added Section 23.8, Certificates of appropriateness in an area designated as an historic district overlay.
Section 23.9	1985-238	Added Section 23.9, Judicial review of decisions granting or denying approval of subdivision plats.
Section 23.10 Section 23.11	1991-119	Added Section 23.10, Low and Moderate Income Housing; Density Bonuses.
Section 23.11	1991-615	Changed the number of this section from Section 23.10 to Section 23.11
Section 23.10	1991-121	Added Section 23.10, Additional building and housing code remedies. *This act and 1991-119 were signed on the same day, which probably led to both sections being numbered Section 23.10
Section 23.12	1993-318	Added Section 23.12, Site Plans.
Section 23.13	1993-318	Added Section 23.13, Unified Land Use Ordinance Authorized.
Section 27.2	1983-348	Added Section 27.2, Regulation and licensing of vehicles for hire.
Article XXIX Section 29.1 through Section 29.13	1981-617	Rewrote Article XXIX, Claims Against and By the City. Subchapter A: Section 29.1 – Presentation of claims; suit upon claims. Section 29.2 - Settlement of claims by city manager. Section 29.3 through 29.12 - apparently the intent was to RESERVE these numbers because the next section is numbered 29.13. Subchapter B: Section 29.13 - Settlement of claims by city manager.
Section 29.1	1981-617	Rewrote Section 29.1, Presentation of claims; suit upon claims.
	2003-41	Repealed Section 29.1, as rewritten by 1981-617.
Section 29.2	1981-617	Rewrote Section 29.2 - Settlement of claims by city manager.
	2003-41	Rewrote Section 29.2 to allow the city manager to settle claims when the amount does not exceed the city's insurance deductible.
Section 29.3	1979-127	Rewrote Section 29.3, Settlement of claims by city manager.
	1981-617	Repealed Section 29.3 (See Section Article XXIX as rewritten by 1981-617 in which Section 29.3 is apparently repealed and a new Section 29.3 is RESERVED for future use.
Article XXX Section 30.1 through Section 30.5	1979-851	Added Article XXX (Section 30.1 through Section 30.5), Prohibition of Acts of Discrimination in Employment). Section 30.1 - Authority to Adopt Ordinances. Section 30.2 - Judicial Review. Section 30.3 – Enforcement of Agency Orders. Section 30.4 – Additional Authority of Agency. Section 30.5 – Public Records.
Article XXXI	1981-438	Added Article XXXI (Section 31.1), Economic Development Projects.
Section 31.1	1981-438	Economic Development Projects.

